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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1644**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

IMMER et al.

Serial Number: 09/027,777

Group Art Unit: 1644

Filed: February 23, 1998

Examiner: F. Pierre Vandervegt

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS; HIGHLY PURIFIED CARDIODILATIN FRAGMENTS AND INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 4, 2001

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 35-36 as follows:

--35. A fragment of ANP (95-126) selected from the group consisting of:

(a) Boc-Thr(tBu)-Ala-Pro-Arg(Pbf)-Ser(tBu)-Leu-Arg(Pbf)-Arg(Pbf)-Ser(tBu)-

Ser(tBu)-Cys(Acm)-Phe-Gly-Gly-OH